



To: Drawing Review Branch / Mr. Son Lam (Draftsman) 12/27/02
RE: New Drawings Submitted
For: Title of Invention: Inflatable Hoop / Basket / Goal
First Named Inventor: Philip Chauvet
Application No.: 10 / 053,988

Dear Mr. Son Lam,

Drawings 16 through 20 have been corrected with defined, clean, black lines. The numbers and letters are now 1/8 inch or greater.

Sincerely,
Philip Chauvet

11.02



Application No.
10/063,988

Applicant(s)

CHALVET ET AL

Examiner

M. Chambers

Art Unit

3711

Notice of Allowability

MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/14/02 interview

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-46

3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____

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5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

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7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) ☒ Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____

(b) ☐ Including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ Including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-802)

3 ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No.(s). _____

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

9 ☐ Other

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____

6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Paul T. Sewell
Supervisory Patent Examiner
Group 3700



Interview Summary

Application No. 10/053,968	Applicant(s) CHAUVET ET AL
Examiner M. Chambers	Art Unit 3711

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) M. Chambers (3) _____

(2) P. Chauvet (4) _____

Date of Interview Nov 14, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 31

Identification of prior art discussed:

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) NE

Substance of interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed the proposed claim and the removal of the bladders from the device.

Applicant desired to modify claim language for a range of heights. Agreement was reached to modify the claim language to address a 6 foot device and a 8 foot device.

Examiner will do an examiner's amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

M. CHAMBERS
PATENT EXAMINER
ART UNIT 3711

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required



November 15, 2002

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

This Office Action is a response to the Application filed on:

Number	Name	Date	Claims	Independent Claims
10053988	Chauvet et al	1/19/02	14	1

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. P. Chauvet on 11/14/02. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Claims 15-30 have been canceled in their entirety.
3. The following new claims have been entered:

Claim 31. A sports goal comprising:

an inflatable goal structure comprising an annular member having a central opening to allow passage therethrough of a ball, and a plurality of leg members supporting said annular member in a horizontal position;

wherein said goal structure comprises a plurality of tubes formed of non-elastic material with valve means for facilitating inflation and deflation of said structure;

wherein said goal is approximately eight feet tall.

32) The sports goal of Claim 31 wherein: said goal is capable of standing on water.

33) The sports goal of Claim 31 further comprising: a net encircling the interior of said annular member and extending downwardly therefrom. —

34) The sports goal of Claim 31 further comprising: ballast means attached to said leg members to aid in maintaining said goal in an upright position.

35) The sports goal of Claim 34 further comprising: said ballast member comprises a bag filled with material at least as heavy as water.

36) The sports goal of Claim 31 further comprising: a plurality of flaps projecting from said leg members to receive means for anchoring said goal in a desired position.

37) The sports goal of Claim 31 further comprising four leg members.

38) The sports goal of Claim 31 further comprising an inflatable bladder.

Claim 39. A sports goal comprising:

an inflatable goal structure comprising an annular member having a central opening to allow passage therethrough of a ball, and a plurality of leg members supporting said annular member in a horizontal position;

wherein said goal structure comprises a plurality of tubes formed of non-elastic material with valve means for facilitating inflation and deflation of said structure;

wherein said goal is approximately six feet tall.

40) The sports goal of Claim 39 wherein: said goal is capable of standing on water.

41) The sports goal of Claim 39 further comprising: a net encircling the interior of said annular member and extending downwardly therefrom. ---

42) The sports goal of Claim 39 further comprising: ballast means attached to said leg members to aid in maintaining said goal in an upright position.

43) The sports goal of Claim 42 further comprising: said ballast member comprises a bag filled with material at least as heavy as water.

44) The sports goal of Claim 39 further comprising: a plurality of flaps projecting from said leg members to receive means for anchoring said goal in a desired position.

45) The sports goal of Claim 39 further comprising four leg members.

46) The sports goal of Claim 39 further comprising an inflatable bladder.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Chambers whose telephone number is (703) 306-5516. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Sewell, can be reached on (703) 308-2126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9302 or-After final fax-(703) 872-9302.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1078.

Paul T. Sewell
Supervisory Patent Examiner
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12-30-02

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10/053,988	01/19/2002	Philip G. Chauvet		5169

TITLE OF INVENTION: INFLATABLE HOOP/BASKET/GOAL

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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
CHAMBERS, MICHAEL S	3711	473-485000

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(Authorized Signature)

Philip G. Chauvet

(Date)

12/27/02

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